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Few Americans are aware that currently almost no state and local police are permitted to enforce U.S. immigration law. This is a situation brought about intentionally by the illegal alien/open borders lobby in order to allow illegal aliens to avoid capture and deportation.

Prior to, and even long after 9/11, there were fewer than 2,000 federal agents assigned to what is known as "internal enforcement" of immigration law, and no state or local police were enlisted or permitted to assist these understaffed federal agents. Even FBI agents were not empowered to enforce these laws. The failure to enlist the 700,000 state and local police in enforcing immigration law was a major cause of the mass murders of September 11th, and of the thousands of murders, vehicular homicides, rapes and other crimes Americans have suffered at the hands of illegal aliens, before and after 9/11/01.

Since 1996, under the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRAIRA), federal law under section 287g of the Act has permitted state and local police to obtain training in immigration law and enforcement powers. However, due to the power of the illegal alien lobbyists, few jurisdictions have taken advantage of this authority. As a result, the number of crimes committed has increased at a terrible rate.

Some elected state and local officials around the Nation have shown the courage to defy the open borders lobby and have caused their states or municipalities to enter into agreements with the federal government to enable them to enforce these laws. In New York State, only the Village of Suffern (with the support of Mayor John Keegan and Police Chief Clarke Osborn) and the Village of Brewster (led by then-Mayor John Degnan) have applied for 287g authority.

However, at the request of 9/11 Families for a Secure America, on April 11th, Assemblyman Greg Ball of the 99th District (representing 7 towns in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties) introduced Assembly Bill 10593 which mandates implementation of 287g for the State of New York, all State agencies and all its counties and municipalities. AB 10593 will also: require release of convicted illegals only to U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement; require the state to obtain a monthly list from ICE of sex offenders on the NYS list of registered sex offenders; override local laws that prohibit participation in the listed programs; require contractors doing business with the state to use existing Federal programs to verify that their employees are legal residents of the U.S.; require that victims of identity theft be notified; prohibit "sanctuary city" laws.

In support of AB 10593 911 FSA Director Ed Kowalski and Advisor Jim Staudenraus organized two meetings on Saturday, April 19th, in Putnam County, N.Y. The first was a closed door meeting for police and elected officials, and the second, a public meeting. Both were well attended. Among those in attendance were:

Mayor Keegan and Chief Osborn of Suffern, N.Y.

Attorney Steve Mannion, legal adviser to both Suffern and Morristown, N.J. in their applications for 287g authority.

Deputy Sheriff Bob Najmulski of the Allen County, Ohio Sheriff's Office.

Dwight Yee, a retired NYPD Lieutenant and currently, on the Town Council of the Town of Southeast, NY.

Michael Rights, Supervisor, Town of Southeast

At their request, the names of other attendees will not be announced to avoid alerting supporters of illegal immigration.

Ed Kowalski and I stressed that had 287g been implemented nationwide when the problem of illegal immigration first developed, it would have been highly unlikely that individual murders such as that of Ed's niece, Elizabeth, or the mass murder of 9/11 could have been carried out. We made clear to the assembled officials that victims of crimes committed by illegals are prepared to stand with those officials who have the courage to apply for 287g authority.

Deputy Najmulski provided insight into the practical problems and solutions of working with ICE, under 287g. His experience and that of his Department provided invaluable clues to making the program work. Steve Mannion spoke of the legal aspects of the 287g application process, and offered his perspective as a lawyer.

The public meeting was equally encouraging – both in the number of attendees and the degree of support they showed for enforcing our laws. It was made clear again, as so often in the past, that the average American recognizes the danger posed by illegal aliens.

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